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C O N F I D E N T I A L BUDAPEST 3148

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SUBJECT: SECURITY OF DIPLOMATIC POUCHES

REF: STATE 181427

FRANKFURT FOR FRDCO

IN REPLY TO REFTTEL, FOLLOWING ARE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS RAISED:

A. POUCHES ARE CABIN LOADED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF INSTRUCTIONS
GIVEN IN FRANKFURT TEL 0009 OF JANUARY 2, 1973 AND DEPARTMENT
A-937 OF FEBRUARY 1, 1973.

B. TWO

C. HUNGARIAN AUTHORITIES DO NOT PERMIT EMBASSY PERSONNEL ON
THE RAMP. COURIERS ARE MET IN THE TRANSIT LOUNGE OF THE
AIRPORT.

D. YES, EXCEPT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN THE PLANE
IS PARKED IN AN AREA WHERE THE PERSON MEETING THE COURIERS
HAS NO VISUAL CONTROL.

E. YES

F. NO

G. THERE IS A PARTIAL RESTRICTION IMPOSED ON COURIERS

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TRANSITING BUDAPEST. SINCE THEY ARE ON A TURN-AROUND TRIP,

AND DO NOT HAVE VISAS, THEY ARE RESTRICTED TO THE TRANSIT AREA OF THE AIRPORT. HOWEVER, THEY ARE FREE TO GO UNDER THE AIRCRAFT, USE BAGGAGE TRUCK TYPE TRANSPORTATION WHEN THEY HAVE HEAVY POUCHES, AND USE A DEPARTURE GATE DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF OTHER PASSENGERS WHEN WE HAVE A HEAVY DISPATCH. ALSO, THEY ARE MET AT PLANESIDE BY A GROUND STEWARDESS WHO ASSISTS THEM IN TICKET EXCHANGE, ETC., AS THE PLANE IS ONLY ON THE GROUND 35 MINUTES. IN THE RARE INSTANCES WHEN COURIERS HAVE OVERNIGHTED IN BUDAPEST AND HAD THE REQUIRED VISA, THEY WERE PASSED THROUGH WITH NO PROBLEM AT ALL.

H. YES

I. THE COURIERS WOULD GET OFF, WITH THEIR POUCHES, AND WAIT IN THE TRANSIT LOUNGE UNTIL THE PLANE WAS READY TO TRY AGAIN.
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